--- 1/10th Pound - Red - “Series of 1897” - 251 x 15 mm ---

The catalogue lists the “Series of 1897” recess printed 1/10th pound red strip as follows:

RP-678 - 1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, 250 x 15 mm, with 4½ mm. blue controls
RP-679† - 1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, ***white tablets***, with 4½ mm. blue controls

The background on the tablets of many of the higher control numbered strips is so worn as to be almost indistinguishable. Lee Brandom lists a *white tablet* late-issue variety of the 1/10th pound red 250 x 15 mm. strip. The tablets in some of the 1/10th pound strips, printed from well-worn plates, appear at a glance to be *white* however, under magnification, it is apparent that they have a “Dominion of Canada” background.

If extant **RP-679** is **WANTED!** Does a true *white tablet* really exist on this 1/10th pound red 250 mm. strip?

The control numbering was a repeating cycle from **000001** to **9999999**. Thus, maintaining a consecutive control listing serves only to provide a measure of the relative scarcity of a particular strip. There is no way to tell if, and how many times ABN repeated the control numbering cycle. Extant unused strips are mainly late date *remnants* which became available when the strips were declared to be obsolete.

The red strips, printed at a later date, were intended for use on tobacco products made from a blend of imported and domestic tobaccos. They were printed on *horizontal mesh* wove.

These *control-free* copies seem to be printed by *rotary press*, since they are on *horizontal mesh* wove paper, and are longer than the collected remnant copies - which are printed on *vertical mesh* wove paper. I would guess that a later batch of strips was required, and that these were printed by *hand press* on *vertical* mesh paper using the flat Plates 13 and 14.

--- Recess printed by *rotary press* on *horizontal mesh* wove paper - 4½ mm. *blue controls* - 251 x 15 mm ---

RP-678n - 1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, without controls - 251 x 15 mm - ***two copies***

RP-678n - 1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, without control numbering
Stamped **Registered** and **CANCELLED** in violet ink - 251 x 15 mm

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--- 1/10th Pound - “Series of 1897” – scanned at 65% scale ---

--- Recess printed by *hand press* on *vertical mesh* wove paper - 4½ mm. *blue controls* - 250 x 15 mm ---

--- *coarse roulette* - 23 mm. imprint “AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. OTTAWA” **---**

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RP-678 - 1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *horizontal mesh* wove, 250 x 15 mm, with 4½ mm. blue controls

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RP-678 - 1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove, control number **1420072**

033142	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove – used and broken
1420021	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420028	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420043 ★	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420072 ★	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420043	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420090	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420100 ★	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420103	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420120	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420143	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420145	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420166	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420168	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420176	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420208	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420212	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420214	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420263	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420313	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420322	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420351	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420396	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420446 ★	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove
1420461	RP-678	1/10th pound, red, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical mesh* wove, a top copy from Plate No. 14

These are all remnant strips, mostly taken from eBay.

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